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SUBJECT: OECD: CSTEP MEETING OF NATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS  
ON WORKSHOP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION  
WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. SUMMARY: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT DR. PACKER PARTICI-  
PATE IN PLANNING MEETING OF NATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS ON  
JUNE 20. FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED  
JOINTLY BY AID AND STATE. END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL: U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD EXPRESS THE STRONG  
INTEREST OF THE USG IN THIS WORKSHOP. HE SHOULD STRESS  
THE NECESSITY OF DIRECTING THE WORKSHOP TOWARDS POLICY  
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ISSUES AND NOT ON TECHNICAL PROBLEMS. HE MAY INFORM THE  
GROUP THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO TAKE A FULL AND ACTIVE  
PART IN THE WORKSHOP AND PROVIDE BACKGROUND DATA OR  
PRESENT PAPERS AT WORKSHOP.

3. IN REGARD TO THE COMING UN CONFERENCE, THE WORK-  
SHOP, BY FOCUSING ON IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUES RELATED TO

TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT, CAN HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON MEMBER COUNTRY THINKING AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE CONFERENCE. US REPRESENTATIVE MAY SUGGEST, IF IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE, THAT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORKSHOP, MEETING

MEETING BE HELD OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ONLY TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON "COUNTRY PAPERS" WHICH BY THAT TIME SHOULD BE WELL UNDER WAY. THIS POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED BRIEFLY WITH BECKLER WHILE HE WAS IN WASHINGTON RECENTLY.

4. UNDER MAIN TOPICS AND DOCUMENTATION ITEM OF AGENDA, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SAY THAT ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE. HOWEVER, HE SHOULD SUGGEST THE NEED FOR DIFFERENTIATING AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS MORE ADVANCED LDCS HAVE CLEARLY DIFFERENT S AND T ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY THAN OTHERS AND THEIR PROBLEMS, FOR EXAMPLE, MUST BE TREATED APART FROM S AND T NEEDS FOR POOR MAJORITY. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF "MIDDLE" COUNTRIES TREATED SEPARATELY AND SPECIFICALLY IN THE WORKSHOP.

5. IN ADDITION, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY NOTE THAT THE IMPACT ON ADVANCED COUNTRIES OF TECHNOLOGY FLOWS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE TAKEN UP IN WORKSHOP. THIS IS ONE OF MOST CONTROVERSIAL ASPECTS OF NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONSHIP. IT CANNOT BE DUCKED AND SHOULD NOT BE LEFT OUT OF THIS WORKSHOP DIRECTED TOWARDS POLICY CONSIDERATIONS.

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6. NATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ADD ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN. U.S. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSION OF IDENTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY FOR TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE DISCUSSION ON PRIVATE SECTOR INTER-FACE BROADENED TO INCLUDE ROLE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. (U.S. PAPER ON CORNELL CONTRACT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THIS). FURTHERMORE, ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE THINGS WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS COULD TAKE AWAY WITH THEM IS A CONCEPT OF HOW THE OECD ITSELF CAN BETTER RESPOND TO CHALLENGE OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF THE UN CONFERENCE AND THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. (THE OECD LIKE THE UN NEEDS A CLEARER CONCENTRATION OF ORGANIZATIONAL AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH THIS CHALLENGE). WORKSHOP COULD MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO OECD DEVELOPMENT IF WORKSHOP PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS ON EXTENT OF CONTINUING OECD ROLE IN TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. CONTRIBUTION OF S AND T IN WIDER ISSUES OF EQUITY AND

HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE.

7. IN REGARD TO DOCUMENTATION, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SAY THAT U.S. WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO ANY REQUEST WITHIN ITS CAPABILITIES. HOWEVER, SOME OF MOST USEFUL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE THAT WHICH IS PREPARED FOR UN CONFERENCE, AND TIMING WILL NOT PERMIT IT TO BE AVAILABLE FOR THE WORKSHOP. WE WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, FIND IT USEFUL TO DISCUSS AT THE WORKSHOP THE QUESTION OF DOCUMENTATION AND DATA FOR THE UN CONFERENCE.

8. ON ORGANIZATION OF WORKSHOP, THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MAY SAY THAT WE FIND FOUR SESSIONS ACCEPTABLE AS PROPOSED BY THE SECRETARIAT. WE PREFER TO HAVE PARTICIPATION ON A BROAD BASIS, AND INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS. EXPERTS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S.

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9. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SUPPORT PROPOSAL FOR CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF WORKSHOP AS SUGGESTED BY SECRETARIAT. HE MAY ALSO EXPRESS AGREEMENT OF U.S. TO NOVEMBER 29-30 DATES FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT.

10. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON MEETING AT EARLIEST DATE FOLLOWING MEETING. VANCE

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